



Regulations for the Election of Burgesses, 1769

V. *And be it further enacted*, That no feme sole or covert, infant under the age of twenty-one, recusant convict, or any person convicted in Great-Britain or Ireland, during the time for which he is transported, nor any free negro, mulatto, or Indian, although such persons be free holders, shall have a vote, or be permitted to poll at any election of Burgesses, or capable of being elected; and if any person not being a freeholder, qualified as by this act is directed and required, shall presume to vote or poll at any such election, he shall forfeit and pay five hundred pounds of tobacco; one moiety to the king, his heirs and successors, for the better support of this government, and the contingent charges thereof, the other moiety to the informer, to be recovered with costs, by action of debt or information, in any court of record, wherein the same is cognizable: And if in such suit a question shall arise whether such person be a freeholder as aforesaid, or not, the *Onus Probandi* shall lie on the defendant. And for the more regular and legal electing such Burgesses,

Persons disabled to vote, or to be elected.

Penalty on disqualified person voting.

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